

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A cassette holder into which a large cassette and a
2 small cassette are selectively loaded, the small cassette having a width
3 smaller than a width of the large cassette, the cassette holder comprising:
4 a frame, an upper surface of the frame being a part of a bottom
5 surface of a cassette opening having a size that fits the large cassette,
6 the large or the small cassette being able to be loaded through the
7 cassette opening;
8 a pair of positioning-restriction elements, provided inside the
9 cassette holder when viewed from the cassette opening, a distance
10 between the positioning-restriction elements having a width enough for
11 the small cassette to be loaded therebetween to a predetermined position
12 in the cassette holder;
13 a cassette detector to detect the large cassette when the large
14 cassette is loaded through the cassette opening, at least a part of the
15 cassette detector being positioned as being closer to a front-end section
16 of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements being
17 are when viewed from the cassette opening;
18 a drive mechanism to move the positioning-restriction elements
19 from positions at which the positioning-restriction elements allow the
20 small cassette but not the large cassette to be loaded therebetween to
21 other positions at which the positioning-restriction elements do not
22 obstruct the large cassette to be loaded, when the cassette detector
23 detects the large cassette; and
24 a pair of first and second flaps, each flap of the first and second
25 flaps being positioned as being closer to the front-end section of the
26 cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements being are when
27 viewed from the cassette opening, a distance between the first and

28 ~~second flaps having a width being wide~~ enough for the small cassette to
29 be loaded therebetween to the predetermined position in the cassette
30 holder, the first and second flaps being opened to allow the large cassette
31 to be loaded when the first and second flaps are pushed by the large
32 cassette whereas the first and second flaps being engaged with the
33 positioning-restriction elements to obstruct the small cassette ~~to be from~~
34 ~~being~~ loaded when at least either of the first or second flaps is pushed by
35 the small cassette.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The cassette holder according to claim 1 further
2 comprising a third flap having a pair of first and second notches in which
3 the pair of first and second flaps are fit to shut the cassette opening.